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TOWN OFFICERS

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JEFFERSON, NH

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR	Paul F. Donovan
SELECTMEN	Michele C. Ward, Chairman Carroll E. Ingerson Bruce Hicks
TREASURER	Marie A. Noyes
TAX COLLECTOR	Mary L. Gross
TOWN CLERK	Opal L. Bronson
AUDITOR	Rita M. Larcomb
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST	Donald Noyes Cheryl Meehan Jane Holmes
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	Jeffrey Wiseman, Director
PLANNING BOARD	Earl Brooks, Chairman
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS	Kim Perry, Chairman
FIRE CHIEF	Chris Milligan
FAST SQUAD	Larry Coulter, Jr., Director
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS	Jason Call Harold Davis Rupert Corrigan
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	Adele Woods, Chairman Meg Costa Cheryl Meehan
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	David Govatski, Chairman

WARRANT
2004 TOWN MEETING

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM NOON TO 8:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Jefferson in the County of Coos in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town of Jefferson on Tuesday, the **ninth** day of March next, at 7:30 of the clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year**

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year. That sum being $462,353. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $22,500 for the purpose of Phase II Revaluation and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw $12,500 from the CRF established for this purpose. The balance of $10,000 to be raised by taxation. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50,000 be added to the Capital Reserve Funds as listed. Selectmen recommend.

$30,000 Highway Vehicle CRF
$10,000 Dump Closure CRF
$10,000 Rt. 115B Reconstruction CRF

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000 for the purpose of repairing head stones at the Hillside Cemetery, this appropriation to come from the fund balance (surplus) with **no** funds being raised by taxation. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund (under the provisions of RSA 35:1, 1a & 1b) for the purpose of building a Town Garage. This CRF to be known as Highway Garage CRF, and raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000 for this purpose, $15,000 of this appropriation to come from the fund balance (surplus) and the balance of $10,000 to be raised by taxation. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 for the purpose of putting a roof over the containers at the Transfer Station. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000 to be added to the Expendable Trust Funds as listed. Selectmen recommend.

$5,000 Town Library Fund
$10,000 Athletic Trust Fund

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 for the purpose of crushing gravel, this appropriation to come from the fund balance (surplus) with **no** funds being raised by taxation. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum

of $1,900 for the purpose of Perambulation of Town Boundaries and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw such sum from the Perambulation CRF created for this purpose. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $830 for the support of the Mt. Washington Regional Airport. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to modify the Elderly Exemptions from property tax in the Town of Jefferson, based on the assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, $10,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, $15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, $20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $15,400 or if married, a combined net income of less than $23,000; and net assets not in excess of $35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to retain the ownership of the property located on Tax Map 5A Lot 45A to be used for municipal purposes.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of such property of the Town as the Selectmen in their sole discretion deem equitable, just and subject to existing laws.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes in accordance to RSA 80:52-a.

ARTICLE 16: To transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

**Article 1 to be voted by ballot while polls are open.

Given under our hands and seal this 9th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand-four.

A True Copy: ATTEST

MICHELE C. WARD
CARROLL E. INGERSON
BRUCE HICKS
Board of Selectmen
Town of Jefferson, NH

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2004

Purpose of Appropriations	Approp. Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expend. Prior Year	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Executive	$35,000	$34,764	$37,000
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	10,500	12,165	12,000
Financial Administration	17,000	12,300	16,000
Revaluation of Property	23,000	20,100	
Legal Expense	15,000	7,020	7,500
Planning and Zoning	6,000	3,072	6,000
General Government Buildings	10,000	23,954	12,500
Cemeteries	9,500	7,890	9,000
Insurance	15,000	12,112	15,000
Other General Government	3,000	9,479	24,000
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police	5,500	4,790	6,000
Ambulance	8,500	7,856	13,000
Fire	32,000	46,026	32,000
Emergency Management	400	607	500
Other Fast Squad	1,500	1,107	2,000
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			
Airport Operations	830	830	
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			
Highways & Streets	93,000	86,204	93,000
Bridges	3,000	0	2,000
Street Lighting	6,000	5,156	5,500
SANITATION			
Solid Waste Collection	90,000	95,465	105,000
Solid Waste Clean-up	10,000	29,368	2,000
Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other	1,000	370	1,000
HEALTH			
Pest Control	500	80	500
Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other	10,503	10,503	10,503
WELFARE			
Administration & Direct Assistance	3,000	1,183	3,000
CULTURE & RECREATION			
Parks & Recreation	5,000	5,112	5,000
Library	11,500	10,413	11,500
Patriotic Purposes	500	226	500
Other Culture & Recreation	500	0	0
CONSERVATION			
Other Conservation	350	350	350

DEBT SERVICE			
Princ.-Long Term Bonds & Notes			18,000
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes			4,000
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	5,000	4,249	5,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	242,000	240,455	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
Sewer	3,000	2,195	3,000
To Capital Reserve Fund	25,000	25,000	
To Exp. Tr. Fund-except #4917	30,000	30,000	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	$732,583	$750,591	$462,353

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Purpose of Appropriations	Warrant Article #	Approp. Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Approp. Ensuing FY (Recommended)
CRF Town Garage	6			25,000
Library Trust Fund	8	10,000	10,000	5,000
Athletic Trust Fund	8	20,000	20,000	10,000
CRF Highway Vehicle	4	10,000	10,000	30,000
CRF Dump Closure	4	10,000	10,000	10,000
CRF RT 115B Reconstruction	4	5,000	5,000	10,000
				$90,000

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Purpose of Appropriations	Warrant Article #	Approp. Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Approp. Ensuing FY (Recommended)
Cemetery Maintenance	5	2,500	1,430	15,000
Revaluation Phase II	3	23,000	20,100	22,500
Transfer Station Roof	7			10,000
Crushing Gravel	9			10,000
Perambulation of Town Line	10			1,900
Mt. Washington Regional Airport	12	830	830	830
				$60,230

Source of Revenue	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ens. Year
TAXES			
Land Use Change Taxes	$ 1,000	$ 3,520	$ 1,500
Resident Taxes	5,000	6,080	5,000
Timber Taxes	8,000	15,744	10,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	-0-	794	600
Interest & Penalties on Delinq. Taxes	18,000	23,665	15,000
Inventory Penalties	100	146	-0-
Excavation Tax ($.02 cents per cu. yd.)	25	26	-0-
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	160,000	180,890	170,000
Building Permits	30	59	30
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	3,000	3,262	3,000
FROM STATE			
Shared Revenues	7,000	8,831	7,000
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	25,000	30,321	28,000
Highway Block Grant	37,676	37,676	37,634
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	3,500	5,953	3,500
Other (Incl. Railroad Tax)	500	-0-	-0-
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments	4,200	3,323	4,000
Other Charges	3,500	4,539	4,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Sale of Municipal Property	400	80,232	400
Interest on Investments	1,500	2,191	1,500
Other	4,000	20,851	4,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
Sewer (Offset)	1,000	-0-	1,000
From Capital Reserve Funds	12,500	70,000	14,400
From Trust & Agency Funds	5,000	15,043	5,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Proceeds from Long Term Bonds & Notes		172,000	-0-
Amount VOTED from F/B ("Surplus")	2,500	2,500	40,000
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes	-0-	-0-	17,075
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS	$303,431	$687,646	$372,693

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Appropriations Recommended	$454,583	$462,353
2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended	500	90,000
"Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended	55,500	60,230
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	510,583	612,583
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	-303,431	-372,639
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	$207,152	$239,944

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that I have examined the 2003 Books, Statements, and all other financial records for the Town of Jefferson and have found them to be correct to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Respectfully submitted,

RITA M. LARCOMB
Auditor

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

LAND		
Current Use (current use value)		
20,377.25 Acres	$ 1,098,344	
Residential 5,957.73 Acres	17,550,300	
Commercial/Industrial/Mixed Use		
575.25 Acres	1,177,100	
TOTAL TAXABLE LAND		$19,825,744
BUILDINGS		
Residential	32,422,500	
Manufactured Housing	2,018,400	
Commercial/Industrial/Mixed Use	7,253,200	
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS		41,694,100
UTILITIES		
Public Service Company of New Hampshire	1,405,000	
Portland Pipeline Corporation	3,455,300	
TOTAL UTILITIES		4,860,300
VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS		66,380,144
EXEMPTIONS		
Blind (2)	30,000	
Elderly (6)	80,000	
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS		110,000
NET VALUE FOR LOCAL TAX COMPUTATION		$66,270,144
Less Utilities		4,860,300
NET VALUE FOR STATE TAX COMPUTATION		$61,409,844

Land tax exempt and non-taxable 3,558.18 acres value 1,575,623 buildings tax exempt and non-taxable value 1,549,600.

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Town Appropriations	$ 732,583
Less Revenues	-617,518
Net Town Appropriations	115,065
Add School Appropriations	1,762,328
Less Adequate Education Grant	-466,337
Less State Education Tax	-322,227
Add County Appropriations	328,430
TOTAL	$1,417,259
Less Shared Revenues	-2,263
Add Veterans Credit	3,050
Add Overlay	4,950
LOCAL TAXES TO BE RAISED	1,422,996
STATE EDUCATION TAX TO BE RAISED	322,227
TOTAL TAXES BEING RAISED	$1,745,223

PROOF OF COMPUTATION - local valuation 66,270,154 times $21.47 per thousand equals 1,422,996, state local valuation less utilities 61,409,854 times $5.25 per thousand equals 322,227.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

TAXES		
Property Taxes	$1,724,506	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	794	
Resident Taxes	6,080	
Excavation Taxes	26	
Yield Taxes	15,744	
Interest and Penalties	23,811	
Land Use Change Tax	3,520	
TOTAL		$1,774,481
LICENSES AND PERMITS		
Motor Vehicles	180,891	
Building Permits	59	
Other Licenses and Permits	3,262	
TOTAL		184,212
FROM STATE AND FEDERAL		
Shared Revenue	8,831	
Highway Block Grant	37,677	
State & Federal Land Reimbursement	5,953	
Rooms and Meals Tax	30,321	
Railroad Tax	0	
TOTAL		82,782
MISC. REVENUE SOURCES		
Sale of Scrap Metal	780	
Charges from Departments	949	
Interest on Investment	2,192	
Sewer Fees Collected	2,210	
Coping and Dump Stickers	538	
Town Hall Rent	200	
Reimbursement of Fire Dept.	18,109	
Sale of Cemetery Lots	600	
Insurance Dividends	583	
Town Clerk Fees Reimbursed	4,839	
Sale of Tax Deeded Property	79,631	
TOTAL		110,631
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS		
Fire Department Vehicle CRF	70,000	
Revaluation CRF	12,500	
Dump Closure CRF	9,367	
Reclamation Trust Fund (tire removal)	2,765	
Cemetery Fund	3,050	
Athletic Fund	2,625	
Reclamation Trust Fund (Town Clerk Fees)	806	
TOTAL		101,113

TEMPORARY LOAN		
Loan Lancaster National Bank Fire Truck	172,000	
Tax Anticipation Note	395,900	
TOTAL		567,900
TOTAL REVENUE ALL SOURCES		$2,821,119
FUND BALANCE AS OF 1/01/03		456,291
GRAND TOTAL		$3,277,410

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Executive	$34,764
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	12,165
(5516 reimbursed clerk fees)	
Financial Administration	12,300
Revaluation	20,100
Planning Board	2,808
Zoning Board	264
Legal Expenses	7,020
Town Hall & Other Government Buildings	23,954
Insurance	12,112
Cemeteries	7,990
Tax Abatements & Refunds	83
Other Government Reimbursement	9,396
Taxes Bought by Town	47,003
Whitefield Regional Airport	830
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Fire Dept. ($17,415 grant funded)	46,026
Police	4,067
Animal Control	80
Fast Squad	1,107
Lancaster District Court Juvenile Diversion	913
Emergency Management	607
HIGHWAY AND STREETS	
Highway Department	86,204
Street Lighting	5,156
Bridge Repairs	0
SANITATION	
Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling	95,465
Grounds Upkeep Leachfield	370
Sewage Collection & Disposal	0
Landfill Closure Planning	29,368
HEALTH	
Ambulance	7,856
Senior Meals	475
Health Services	10,028

WELFARE		
Direct Assistance	1,183	
CULTURE AND RECREATION		
Park and Recreation	5,112	
Library	10,413	
Patriotic Purposes	226	
CONSERVATION		
Conservation Commission	350	
DEBT SERVICES		
Temporary Loans (TAN)	395,900	
Interest Tax Anticipation Note	4,249	
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Freightliner Fire Truck	240,455	
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		
Transfer to Capital Reserve Funds	25,000	
Transfer to Sewer Fund	2,195	
Transfer to Expendable Trust	30,000	
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS		
Taxes Paid to County	329,527	
Taxes Paid to School District	1,181,981	
TOTAL		$2,705,100
		0

BALANCE SHEET

CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	$ 424,209	$ 456,291
Taxes Receivable	187,288	173,512
Tax Liens Receivable	37,062	39,755
Accounts Receivable	0	0
Other Funds & Assets	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	648,559	669,558
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Warrants & Accounts Payable	3,311	0
Due to School District	444,006	458,981
Contract Payable	0	0
Due to Other Funds	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	447,317	458,981
FUND EQUITY		
Reserve for Special Purposes	13,450	13,450
Reserve for Approp. from Surplus	10,000	10,000
Unreserved Fund Balance	177,190	187,127
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	201,242	210,577
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	$648,559	$669,558

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, land and buildings	$ 989,000
Furniture and equipment	15,500
Library, land and buildings	60,000
Furniture, equipment, books	110,000
Police Department	2,000
Fire Department, building	94,900
Equipment	424,800
Highway Department, equipment	197,300
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	54,100
Gravel Pit	7,300
Solid Waste Facility	45,800
Cemeteries	54,000
Deeded land and buildings	15,000
TOTAL	$2,069,700

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

	Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES 2002	2001	1997-2000
DR.				
UNCOLLECTED TAXES BEGINNING OF YEAR*				
Property Taxes		$171,193.94		
Resident Taxes		1,280.00	600.00	500.00
Land Use Change		2,120.00		
Utility Charges		978.00		
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR:				
Property Taxes	$1,743,229.93			
Resident Taxes	6,210.00			
Land Use Change	1,400.00			
Yield Taxes	15,583.59			
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd.	26.40			
Utility Charges	2,750.00			
Misc. Charge - Tax Lists	75.00			
OVERPAYMENT:				
Property Taxes	.01		11.49	
Interest - Late Tax	82.46	10,768.31		
Resident Tax Penalty	4.00	80.00	29.00	8.00
TOTAL DEBITS	$1,769,351.39	$186,431.74	$629.00	$508.00

*This amount should be the same as last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

	Levy for this Year 2003	PRIOR LEVIES 2002	2001	1997-2000
CR.				
REMITTED TO TREASURER:				
Property Taxes	$1,505,534.53	$171,205.43		
Resident Taxes	4,850.00	850.00	290.00	90.00
Land Use Change	1,400.00	2,120.00		
Yield Taxes	15,459.42			
Interest (include lien conversion)	82.46	10,768.31		
Penalties	4.00	80.00	29.00	8.00
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd.	26.40			
Utility Charges	1,375.00	815.00		
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		(42,758.79)		
Misc. Charge - Tax Lists sold	75.00			
ABATEMENTS MADE:				
Resident Taxes		130.00	60.00	40.00
UNCOLLECTED TAXES END OF YEAR:				
Property Taxes	237,695.41			
Resident Taxes	1,360.00	300.00	250.00	370.00
Yield Taxes	124.17			
Utility Charges	1,375.00	163.00		
TOTAL CREDITS	$1,769,351.39	$186,431.74	$629.99	$508.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Tax Sale/Lien Accounts

	Last Year's Levy 2003	PRIOR LEVIES 2002	2001	1997
DR.				
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year		$26,425.42	$13,330.49	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	$42,758.79			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	1,691.01	4,727.43	6,654.62	288.42
TOTAL DEBITS	$44,449.80	$31,152.85	$19,985.11	$ 288.42
CR.				
REMITTED TO TREASURER:				
Redemptions	$18,987.39	$15,211.07	$13,330.49	
Int. and Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	1,691.01	4,727.43	6,654.62	288.42
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Year	23,771.40	11,214.35		
TOTAL CREDITS	$44,449.80	$31,152.85	$19,985.11	$ 288.42

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)? NO

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. GROSS
Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

I hereby certify that during the year ending December 31, 2003, I issued 1,753 Auto Registrations, which I collected for same $180,723.00, which I turned over to the Treasurer.

I collected 1,611 Reclamation Trust Fund fees, amounting to $4,490.00, which I turned over to the Treasurer.

I issued 277 Dog Licenses collecting for same $1,431.50, which I turned over to the Treasurer.

I issued 8 Marriage Licenses, which I reported to the State Vital Records Bureau.

I collected $4.00 in Filing Fees, which I turned over to the Treasurer.

My expenses for postage, supplies, meetings and mileage were $186.52.

Respectfully Submitted,
OPAL L. BRONSON
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

I hereby certify that in the year ending December 31, 2003, I have received from the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Reclamation Trust Fund, Sewer Fund, Lancaster National Bank, Conservation Commission; plus paid Selectmen's orders and carried out other transactions as follows, in the four succeeding separate accounts to the best of my knowledge.

GENERAL FUND CREDITS:		
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 2003		$ 456,290.98
2003 Deposits	$2,419,457.41	
Bank Loans (Tax Anticipation)	395,900.00	
Interest on N.O.W. and HIFI Accounts	2,191.48	
Reclamation Trust Fund	3,570.65	
TOTAL CREDITS	$2,821,119.54	$2,821,119.54
GEN. FUND DISBURSEMENTS:		
Selectmen's Orders	$2,702,642.65	$2,702,642.65
2003 GEN. FUND BANK BALANCE		$ 574,767.87
R.T.F.:		
2002 Balance	$ 16,118.71	
2003 Deposits	4,490.00	
2003 Interest	139.37	
TOTAL CREDITS	$ 20,748.08	$ 20,748.08
R.T.F. DISBURSEMENTS:		
Town Clerk's Commission (1611) Registrations	$ 805.50	
Tire Removal	2,765.15	$ (3,570.65)
2003 R.T.F.	$ 3,570.65	$ 17,177.43
SEWER FUND:		
2002 Balance	$ 19,426.56	
2003 Deposits	2,195.00	
2003 Interest	159.25	
TOTAL CREDITS	$ 21,780.81	$ 21,780.81
SEWER FUND DISBURSEMENTS:		
Sewer Maintenance		
2003 Sewer Fund	$ 21,780.81	$ 21,780.81
CONSERVATION COMM. FUND:		
2002 Balance	$ 604.00	
2003 Deposits	145.00	
TOTAL CREDITS	$ 749.00	$ 749.00
2003 CONSERVATION FUND BALANCE:		$ 749.00

Respectfully submitted,
MARIE A. NOYES, Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT OF JEFFERSON TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Year Ended 12/31/2003

Deposits with Lancaster National Bank:		
Cemetery Care	$ 85,208.45	
Jefferson Memorial Health Fund	2,310.84	
Friends of Ben Kenison Fund	935.00	
H. Hartley Conservation Fund	1,699.08	
Skating Rink Fund	1,090.08	
Honor Roll Fund	1,579.28	
Athletic Trust Fund	12,874.08	
Nevers-Jefferson Scholarship Fund	30,770.40	
Total Deposits with Lanc. Nat. Bank	$136,467.21	
Deposits with NH Public Deposit Investment Pool:		
Capital Reserve Funds:		
#1 Highway Vehicle	$ 41,581.45	
#2 Revaluation	35,228.99	
#3 Dump Closure	67,417.45	
#4 Bridge Repair & Maintenance	4,196.59	
#5 Reconstruction of Rte. 115B	44,391.13	
#6 Fire Truck	22,129.41	
#7 Buildings	26,222.69	
Perambulating Fund	14,064.76	
Town Library Fund	32,251.93	
Total Funds in PDIP:	$287,484.40	
Total of all Trust Accounts as of 12/31/2003		$423,951.61
Total of all Trust Accounts as of 12/31/2002		465,057.77
Expenditures:		
Care of Cemeteries	1,380.00	
White Mtns. Regional H.S. Library	15.54	
Nevers/Jefferson Scholarships	800.00	
Athletic Trust Fund	7,336.38	
Town - Fire Truck	70,000.00	
Town - Revaluation	12,500.00	
Town - Dump Closure	9,367.00	
Total Expenditures	$101,398.92	
Additions to Funds:		
Interest Earned on Accounts	5,192.76	
Nevers-Jefferson Scholarship Donations	100.00	
CR#1 Highway Vehicle	10,000.00	
CR#3 Dump Closure Fund	10,000.00	
CR#5 Reconstruction of 115B	5,000.00	
Town Library Fund	10,000.00	
Athletic Trust Fund	20,000.00	
Total Additions	$60,292.76	
Net Increase (Decrease) to all Funds:		(41,106.16)
Balance as of 12/31/2003		$423,951.61

Trustees of Trust Funds:
JASON CALL RUPERT CORRIGAN HAROLD DAVIS

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

EXECUTIVE		
Michele Ward, Chairman	1,500	
Carroll Ingerson	1,500	
Bruce Hicks	1,500	
Employer FICA & Medicare	344	
Linda Cushman, Assistant	20,809	
Employer FICA & Medicare	1,413	
Paul Donovan, Moderator	75	
Printing	1,738	
Dues & Memberships	853	
Office Supplies	353	
Postage & Envelopes	391	
Phone	975	
Town Meeting Expenses	172	
Office Machine Repair & Maintenance	35	
Software Service Contract	1,700	
Miscellaneous	329	
New Computer	1,078	
TOTAL		$ 34,764
ELECTION, REGISTRY & VITAL		
Opal Bronson, Town Clerk	1,000	
Donald Noyes, Supervisor	200	
Cheryl Meehan, Supervisor	200	
Jane Holmes, Supervisor	200	
Employer FICA & Medicare	122	
Fees paid to Clerk		
Auto Registration Fees	3,606	
Municipal Agent Fees	2,750	
Title Fees	604	
Dog Licenses Fees	277	
Vital Records	213	
Reclamation Trust Fees	806	
UCC Filing Fees	1,356	
Printing of Ballots	112	
Dog Licenses & Tags	29	
Supervisors Expenses	81	
Clerk Convention, Meetings & Dues	374	
Postage	182	
Miscellaneous	54	
TOTAL		12,165
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION		
Assessing		
Tax Map Update	770	
Subtotal		770
Treasurer		
Marie A. Noyes	2,000	
Employer FICA & Medicare	153	
Postage & Envelopes	211	
Expenses	200	

Subtotal		2,564
Tax Collector		
Mary Gross	6,300	
Employer FICA & Medicare	482	
Recording Liens	–	
Redemptions	156	
Discharges	93	
Printing	202	
Postage & Envelopes	1,251	
Dues & Meeting	100	
Office Supplies	28	
Subtotal		8,612
Auditing of Town Books	350	
Postage	4	
Subtotal		354
TOTAL		12,300
PLANNING & ZONING		
Planning		
Ruth Lowe, Secretary	913	
Michelle Gross, Secretary	117	
Employer FICA & Medicare	86	
Advertising	232	
Seminars	90	
Office Supplies	37	
Envelopes & Postage	385	
Dues	853	
Miscellaneous	95	
Subtotal		2,808
Zoning		
Rita Larcomb, Secretary	120	
Postage	55	
Advertising	89	
Subtotal		264
TOTAL		3,072
AIRPORT OPERATIONS		
White Mountain Regional Airport	830	
TOTAL		830
INSURANCE		
Worker Compensation	2,985	
Property Liability - NHMA Trust	9,127	
TOTAL		12,112
POLICE		
Charles Huntington, Officer	2,716	
Employer FICA & Medicare	175	
Mileage	1,020	
Miscellaneous	156	
Juvenile Diversion Program	913	
TOTAL		4,980

LIBRARY		
Suzanne Crafton, Librarian	3,570	
Lucille Cameron, Assistant	984	
Employer FICA & Medicare	307	
Trustees Budget	2,600	
Heating Fuel	1,397	
Phone & Internet Service	1,013	
Electricity	334	
Grounds Upkeep	208	
TOTAL		10,413
STREET LIGHTING		
Public Service Company	5,156	
TOTAL		5,156
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
Dues	175	
Seminar/Meetings	30	
Transfer to CC Account	145	
TOTAL		350
FAST SQUAD		
Training	205	
Medical Supplies	808	
Radio Repairs	94	
TOTAL		1,107
LEGAL EXPENSES		
General Expenses	520	
Estabrooks v. Town	6,500	
TOTAL		7,020
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS		
Lay Waterline Lot 34	1,102	
Electricity	709	
Heating Fuel	2,516	
Grounds	280	
Maintenance	1,416	
Foyer Repair	16,704	
Sewer Rent Paid	470	
Town Entrance Signs	635	
Supplies	49	
Miscellaneous	72	
TOTAL		23,953
CEMETERIES		
Starr King mowing & cleaning stones	3,540	
Indian	138	
Hillside	680	
Forrest Vale	681	
Riverton	273	
Kilkenny View mowing & fence	2,434	
Wentworth-Reed	125	
Employer FICA & Medicare	119	
TOTAL		7,990

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES		
Memorial Day	226	
TOTAL		226
PARKS AND RECREATION		
Swim Lessons Colonel Town Recreation	400	
Electricity	134	
Grounds Upkeep	1,523	
Skating Rink Maintenance	400	
Clearing Lot 45A	2,625	
Christmas Tree, Flag, Skating Rink Liner	30	
TOTAL		5,112
SEWER DISPOSAL & MAINTENANCE		
Mowing of Leachfield	370	
TOTAL		370
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
Salaries	42,634	
Employer FICA & Medicare	2,653	
General Highway Expenses		
Electricity - Yard Light	31	
Garage Rent	3,400	
International Repairs & Maintenance	1,954	
2002 Ford Repair & Maintenance	674	
Sander Repair & Maintenance	48	
Backhoe Repair & Maintenance	847	
Trailer Repair & Maintenance	105	
Grader Repair & Maintenance	452	
Vehicle Fuel	3,963	
Pressure Cleaner Repairs	398	
Chloride	7,268	
Winter Sand	6,718	
Salt	2,542	
Radio Repairs	60	
Maintenance Supplies	2,753	
Road Maintenance	6,590	
Hired Equipment	880	
Miscellaneous	2,233	
TOTAL		86,203
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL		
Salaries	16,657	
Employer FICA & Medicare	1,147	
Electricity	705	
Hauling to Mt. Carberry Landfill	10,160	
Hauling to Recycling Center - Berlin	12,672	
Disposal Cost Mt. Carberry Landfill	27,893	
Disposal Cost C&D	1,280	
Annual Membership Fee	16,989	
Telephone	293	
Monitor Well Testing	2,065	
Membership and Dues	100	

Repair and Maintenance	5,503	
TOTAL		95,464

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chris Milligan, Chief	1,876	
Mark Corrigan, Assistant Chief	710	
Melissa Brooks	119	
Lawrence Coulter, Jr.	427	
Christina Corrigan	112	
Katrina Corrigan	42	
Kenneth H. Gianlorenzo	392	
Michael Hatfield	154	
Fred Ingerson	287	
Larry Kenison	126	
Dan Kenly	168	
Scott Mardin	63	
John Markey	301	
Kevin Staines	759	
Larry Wells	448	
Jeff Wiseman	644	
Bill Patnaude	245	
Edward Dorr, III	196	
Jack Paschal	357	
Adam White	168	
Joe Beliveau	210	
Richard Steele	273	
John Bishop	483	
Mark Robert	648	
Sid Walker, Jr.	168	
Laurette Balog	168	
Christina Ingerson	266	
Chris Nelson	70	
Employer FICA & Medicare	300	
Electricity	688	
Building Fuel	1,078	
Radio Repair	713	
Office Supplies	313	
New Equipment (Grant Funded 17,415)	20,784	
New Gear/Clothing	500	
Inland Divers	664	
General Maintenance Supplies	782	
Scott Air Pak	210	
Vehicle Fuel	1,248	
Telephone	535	
Fire Warden Expenses	614	
Building Repair & Maintenance	102	
Dues	650	
Engine I Repair & Maintenance	327	
Engine II Repair & Maintenance	986	
Pumper	1,131	
Tanker I Repair & Maintenance	745	
Miscellaneous	3,775	
TOTAL		46,025

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Winter Road Maintenance		
Salaries		
Paul Couture	$15,975	
Frank Gray	6,852	
Carroll Ingerson	3,967	
		$26,794
Summer Road Maintenance		
Salaries		
Paul Couture	11,042	
Frank Gray	4,084	
Carroll Ingerson	169	
		15,295
Hired Equipment	880	
		880
Foyer Repairs		
Salaries		
Paul Couture	762	
Frank Gray	352	
Carroll Ingerson	409	
		1,523

TRANSFER STATION REPORT

Our Transfer Station takes tires - refrigerators - metal - construction material - wood as well as trash. Our residents have been very lucky that we have not had to charge extra to take these items. We also have not gone to a PAY PER BAG.

To help this from happening **PLEASE**

1. Sort all cans, bottles, trash, mail, etc. prior to coming to the Transfer Station.
2. Rinse out Soda & Beer cans, the sugar brings BEES.
3. Crush all cardboard.
4. Remove trash from inside cardboard boxes.
5. Keep traffic moving.
6. ASK if you are not sure where something goes.

DUMP HOURS:

Winter:	Wed. 3:00-5:00	Sat. 8:00-5:00
Summer:	Mon. 3:00-6:00	Wed. 12:00-6:00
	Sat. 8:00-6:00	

We want to thank the townspeople of Jefferson for their cooperation and help.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK GRAY
Transfer Station Officer

LEO DUPONT
Attendant

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

I wish to start off this year's report by expressing our gratitude to the residents of Jefferson for the support given to the Fire Department at the March town meeting. It was by the decision of the voters to purchase the first new fire truck the town has ever had. Three years of design and meetings went into this vehicle to ensure the town would get a well thought out and built vehicle that would meet the needs of our growing town. US Tanker in Burlington, Wisconsin did an outstanding job in all phases from design to fabrications, to the materials used. This company, along with North Eastern Fire Associates, sales associate Bruce Morse, were more than accommodating to us during the whole process. All aspects had been gone over with us, making changes as needed. In August myself, Mark Corrigan, Kevin Staines, Larry Wells and Bruce Morse went to Wisconsin to check on the truck and go over all the details one last time before the fabrication began. These good people gave us a tour of their facility which was very impressive. After everything was verified and we came home the company sent us updates on the build as they progressed. We took delivery of the truck on October third, which is now known as Engine Two, checked everything over one last time and signed the final paper work, and put the truck to work, operator training and pump training. Everything went smoothly and this vehicle is very operator friendly and versatile. This vehicle will serve the department and town well for many years to come. My appreciation goes to all who saw this through from start to finish and to the residents of Jefferson. We received the truck at the beginning of fire prevention week. A crew and Engine Two went to the parade of lights in Littleton, where the department was awarded the chief's choice trophy for vehicle, and at the end of the week we went to the Lancaster parade of lights where we were awarded two trophies, one for the most spirited department, for our marching unit and the chief's choice for vehicle. It is quite an honor to receive these awards as it's nice to receive recognition from another department.

During fire prevention week, Bonnie Hicks and her Kids Connections students came to the station this year for fire prevention activities and we all had a lot fun, and some good learning experiences. Our thanks to the Jefferson Elementary School staff and students for making our time spent enjoyable, We hope everyone got some good information from the programs. Thank you all for the pictures and letters. This really is the part of the job we like to do. We look forward to seeing you all again in October 2004. The department held an open house in October. This gave us a chance to show our equipment, talk to our neighbors and answer questions about what we have and what we do. We invite all the residents to stop at the station. This year we were fortunate to receive grant monies of $53,000.00, with ten percent matching funds coming from the department. This came from applying to FEMA, which has offered grants through the Fire Fighters Assistance Act. We applied for firefighter safety and operations, which has allowed us to replace six of our outdated self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and replace outdated non-compliant turnout gear, and allowed us to put all our members in new gear at the same time. The gear

consists of helmets, hoods, jackets, pants, gloves and boots. This gives the department quite an enhancement, as to buy one SCBA costs $3,000.00 and one complete set of turn out gear per person costs $1,500.00. This will help the department immensely in meeting safety compliances and standards.

Each year our call volume continues to rise. We responded to forty-six incidents for the year 2003. There were two structure fires in town that resulted in home and personal loss. As devastating as these fires were, there were no injuries at either fire, but also knowing what to do during an emergency, having smoke detectors, being alert, kept these from becoming tragic.

I cannot stress enough the importance of having Working Smoke Detectors in our homes. They need to be in all living areas of our homes. They are the first defense in home safety in the event of fire. They should be tested weekly, batteries changed when we change the clocks. Replace if more than 10 years old. Consider having hard wired detectors added to your home, and have carbon monoxide detectors as well. This type of detector will alert to a malfunctioning heating system, which will give off carbon monoxide gas, a colorless, odorless gas that can be deadly in a short amount of time. Have an escape plan and outside meeting area and practice it often. Have at least two five pound working ABC extinguishers and know how to use them. **Remember the only number to call for FIRE, EMS, POLICE IS 911. Keep all important numbers posted near your phone. Keep your house number in good condition and visible.** Never let a small problem become a large one. The department has put out a home safety tip brochure and is available to all our residents, and we are available to give free home safety inspections, or just to answer questions, please feel free to contact me or any department member. **And a reminder, it is against the law to burn any type of household trash. We no longer issue barrel permits to burn trash. This is punishable by fines.** It is still allowable to burn brush with permission, a permit and when conditions allow.

In closing, I wish to thank the members of this department for your hard work and dedication to be on call 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, in all types of weather, to train and respond to all types of incidents, to give up your personal time and family time to serve and provide protection for us all. Be proud members, you have served your community well. Our appreciation to the Fast Squad members and Lancaster EMS, Northern New Hampshire Fire Mutual Aid Pact members for their assistance when needed. Lancaster Dispatch-NHDOT District One, for our dispatching services and all their assistance. To our select board, the past members of the department and most importantly the residents of Jefferson for the support we receive. May 2004 be safe and prosperous for us all.

I dedicate this report to Fire Fighter Merlyn Baker, who passed away November 04, 2003. Merlyn's career spans more than thirty years in the fire service, and he had spent the last three years with us. He was a good friend to the department and to all of us. Thank you Merlyn, our thoughts are with you and your family.

Respectfully submitted,

Fire Chief, CHRISTOPHER MILLIGAN

JEFFERSON RESCUE SQUAD REPORT

We bid goodbye to the year 2003 and as we ring in the new year we are reminded how family time is so important to us with all of the unstableness in the world. The members of the squad take great pride in the work that we do and enjoy helping out our fellow neighbors when crisis strikes. It's nice to see a familiar face if you happen to get sick or injured. We try to provide quality care and professionalism for our townspeople. For those of you who still do not know what F.A.S.T. stands for; it means First Arriving Stabilization Team. We will no longer be using this title as it is confusing to the general public. It will now be called Jefferson Rescue Squad. This change will better suit the job profile that we carry out.

The squad responded to 92 calls this past year, which is telling us that the volume of calls continues to increase as the town grows and branches out. It is getting more common to be called out two/three times a day, especially when the weather turns nice and it stays above freezing. Even in the summer months when the town's attractions are in full swing, it brings such a large influx of people into the village that it is bound to increase our chances of being needed. Remember to use 911 for all of the emergency services, Police/Fire/Medical. You can train kids at a very early age in the use of this valuable tool.

This past season seemed to be very different than others. The calls that we were dispatched to were not only serious but involved a lot of children. You never want to see anybody get hurt, but when it involves children, it bothers you even more. However, this makes us try even harder to ease their pain and give them a friend that they can trust and talk to. Use of a seatbelt or car seat is so important. This keeps their little bodies from thrashing around in the event you are involved in an accident. Prevention can be a lifesaver.

We utilized the Dhart helicopter to transport a trauma patient to Hanover this past summer. We landed it in the parking lot at Six Gun City and were able to get the patient to the facility where he could get immediate treatment for his injuries. The helicopter plays such an important role in our rural area. We have landing zones in different areas of the town allowing us to get the helicopter closer to where we need it to be. The time we save could mean the difference in someone's life.

Another very important tool is the jaws of life. This equipment is used to extricate patients from a traffic accident by cutting the car away so we are able to gain access to them. It used to be kept right on the ambulance but now with Lancaster combining their Fire and EMS Departments, the tool is housed on the fire department's new engine. So if you happen to see Lancaster's fire engine coming to Jefferson, don't be alarmed. They are providing this valuable resource and manpower to back up our own EMS/Fire Departments. It's nice to be able to work closely with other agencies and get the job done.

Once again, snow machine safety is of great concern to us. Every year there are more collisions and people of all ages are getting hurt. We recommend

that all children take the safety courses and get involved with the local clubs. We are in the process of evaluating how best to respond to these incidents and getting the resources we need to do so. When someone is injured on the trail system it is not only the injury we worry about. It is the temperature as well. Locating them is no easy task either. Many riders are from down state and have no idea where they are. When you get a 911 call from a cell phone it can be pretty tough to figure out where they are as the trails cover a large area of the North Country.

I'd like to take just a quick note to remember those who are actively serving to protect our country so the rest of us can go about our day to day activities. It is especially hard for those families with children to have that void in their life right now. Try to be supportive and let's all pray for all of them, not only to have a safe return but a speedy one.

We would like to thank the dispatchers at Weeks Hospital and also the Department of Transportation in Lancaster for their professionalism during a time when you need them most. They have a lot of responsibility to get the information out to you and they have done a great job. A special thank you to Jefferson Fire, which some of us are members of as well but still work side by side and communicate well with each other. We will continue to grow the two and provide EMS/Fire services to the best of our abilities. A special thank you to Bob Corrigan for his continued support by donating proceeds from his annual car show. It will be put to good use. Also, the Jefferson Firemen's Association for their donation to aid us in future equipment purchases.

On behalf of The Jefferson Rescue Squad, we extend our sincere hopes that everyone has a safe and happy 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE W. COULTER, JR.
Director

JEFFERSON FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

We began a busy 2003, by hosting the Spring Northern NH Forest Fire Warden/Deputy Warden dinner meeting in May and was well represented by the members. Our pancake breakfasts in July and October were well attended as between the two events, we served almost 600 people. This has become a well established and attended fundraiser for the association. It is a busy time for us, but a good time for all and gives us a chance to see our neighbors and friends, and returning visitors. We express our appreciation to the Jefferson Odd Fellows Lodge #103 for your support and the use of your facility, and to the Old Corner Store, the Jefferson Inn, the Water Wheel Restaurant and all the good folks for the generous food donations, for without your help this would not be a success.

We had a good turnout of golfers (and hackers) for our third Golf tournament at the Waumbek Golf Course; we could not have asked for better weather, and the day was enjoyed by all. Thanks Bill Patnaude for organizing this event and to Larry Fellows and staff for accommodating us. In September, Louise and Bob Corrigan and family, had again this year donated the proceeds of their annual Car/Tractor show, along with proceeds of the raffles Ed Ashby put together to the association, and this year also to the Fast Squad members. A lot of work goes into this event, and we are truly appreciative for your efforts. As we move in 2004, work continues in the walk-in van we purchased and are continuing with the re-outfitting. We should have this complete and in service in the near future.

We wish to express our appreciation to everyone who made raffle donations to the fund raisers we held this year, and to the good folks who made donations to the association. We hope everyone who has attended one of our fund raisers had a good time; we thank everyone for joining us and we appreciate your support. To all the members and our behind-the-scenes people, thank you for your hard work and time to keep the association going. I would like to extend best wishes to us all and for a safe and healthy 2004.

A dear friend and member Merlyn Baker, passed away November 04, 2003. Merlyn was an asset to the association, being active and supportive. He will be missed. Thank you Merlyn.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK CORRIGAN
President

JEFFERSON FIRE DEPARTMENT 2003 INCIDENT RESPONSES

Alarm Activations-Malfunctions, Unintentional	6
Building Check-Smoke source, CO_2 Alarm	3
Chimney Fires	4
Grass/Brush	3
HAZ MAT-Fuel Spillage, Propane tank leak	2
Assist F.A.S.T. Squad and LEMS-Medical	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	13
Mutual Aid (assistance to other towns)	8
Power Lines Down	2
Structure Fires	2
Total for 2003	46

JEFFERSON FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICER ROSTER 2003

Chief	Christopher Milligan
Deputy Chief	Mark Corrigan
Captain	John Paschal
Lieutenant	Larry Kenison
Lieutenant	Larry Coulter, Jr.
Lieutenant	Larry Wells
Emergency Management Director	Jeff Wiseman

JFD Membership, 28

NH FORESTS AND LANDS TOWN OF JEFFERSON

Fire Warden	Christopher Milligan
Special Deputy Warden	Larry Wells
Deputy Warden	Mark Corrigan
Deputy Warden	Larry Coulter, Jr.
Deputy Warden	Larry Coulter, Sr.
Deputy Warden	Fred Ingerson

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding area) is completely covered with snow. Violations of the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to $2,000 and/or a year in jail, in addition to the cost of suppressing the fire.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning. Contact the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information.

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and making sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at www.nhdfl.org or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

2003 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires Reported thru November 03, 2003)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	# of Fires	Acres
Belknap	40	4.86
Carroll	46	13.99
Cheshire	8	.68
Coos	7	17.40
Grafton	22	12.60
Hillsborough	60	11.34
Merrimack	98	10.45
Rockingham	56	18.54
Strafford	34	7.94
Sullivan	3	2.03

	Total Fires	Total Acres
2003	374	100
2002	540	187
2001	942	428
2000	516	149

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	10
Campfire	25
Children	13
Smoking	20
Debris	226
Railroad	3
Lightning	2
Equipment	8
Miscellaneous*	67

(*Misc.: powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

2003 LIBRARY REPORT

The Jefferson Library continues to grow and to offer new services to all residents of Jefferson, thanks to our hard-working and creative librarian, Sue Crafton. Our library now has 383 patrons, up 25 from last year.

Sue has been instrumental in forming a new book discussion club which meets at the library on the third Thursday of each month. In addition to her regular hours, Sue continues to volunteer many hours, especially for the successful Summer Reading Program. This year 20 children attended and enjoyed a different program and related craft each week. We would like to thank Sue, and also our other presenters, Jim Holmes, Christine Smith, and Nancy Decourcey from Jefferson and Sue Gradual from Whitefield.

Jefferson has a wonderful asset in our Friends of the Library group and we would like to thank them for all of their support this year. Thanks to them we have a new 2004 set of World Book Encyclopedias, a long overdue update as our previous sets were nearly 40 years old. We are also thankful to the Friends for the Community Calendar and for the beautiful flowers that line our walkway.

The Jefferson Library was the recipient of a $1200 Children's Literacy Foundation grant this year, thanks to Sue and to the Friends of the Library, who gave $300 in matching funds.

Many thanks go out to all who have made donations to our library, monetary or otherwise. These gifts enable us to stretch our budget and we are grateful for all books, videos, magazines, books on tape, and all other donations. It is wonderful to live in such a supportive and generous community!

Special thanks to Charlie Bond for arranging to have the library quilt cleaned. Thank you to Stella Paschal and Lena Savage for their help with cataloguing and to all others who have volunteered their services.

Please feel free to contact any trustee or our librarian with any questions or ideas that you may have to enhance our library services.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE COSTA, Trustee Chairman
ADELE WOODS, Trustee
CHERYL MEEHAN, Trustee
SUZANNE CRAFTON, Librarian

2003 LIBRARY BUDGET REPORT

Receipts

2002 Balance	$ 896.02	
Town budget	2,600.00	
Overdue books/copier fees	269.00	
Total	$3,765.02	$3,765.02

Expenses

Books (228)	$2,922.74	
Periodical (8 magazine subscriptions)	231.08	
Audio/Video (1 video)	34.95	
Supplies (stamps, P.O. Box rental, book pockets and cards, toilet supplies, 3 ink cartridges 1 for copy machine, 2 computer printer and checking account service charge)	332.54	
Memberships (NCLC dues, NHLTA dues, 3 months NCIA)	79.31	
Total	$3,600.62	$3,600.62
2003 Total Balance		$ 164.40

Respectfully submitted,

CHERYL MEEHAN
Trustee Treasurer

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The members of the Board of Adjustment are appointed by the Selectmen upon the recommendations of the Board of Adjustment. The present members are: Kim Perry, Chairman; Jason Call, Vice Chairman; Dale Paschal, Burleigh Wyman, Kricket Ingerson. Alternates are Thomas Walker, and Craig Clukay.

The Board of Adjustment met as necessary on the second Thursday of each month in the Selectmen's Office. All meetings were open to the public. All hearings and rehearings are posted at the Town Hall and the Post Office.

The Board held five (5) abutters hearings. Two (2) set back variances were granted and one (1) was denied. Two (2) special exceptions were granted. The granted special exceptions were: one (1) for a home-based business beauty salon; one (1) a snack bar.

During the coming year the Board of Adjustment will continue to deal with variances and special exceptions of the Land Use Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,
RITA M. LARCOMB
Secretary

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the town office. All meetings are open to the public.

Board members are Earl Brooks, chairman; Michael Meehan, vice-chairman; Ernest Gaudes, James Irish and Carolyn Ingerson. Associate members are James Brady, Jr., and Gordon Winsor. The Selectmen's representative is Carroll Ingerson. In the fall of 2003, Ruth Lowe retired after 15 years, serving as secretary to the Board.

The Board approved six subdivisions and two boundary line adjustments and several informal consultations were held.

Several Board members attended meetings regarding the Route 2 Corridor Study that included a proposed re-alignment through the Carter Historical District. Harold Davis, the town's representative to the North Country Council Transportation Committee informed the Board of this attendance to the transportation committee meeting.

Board members also attended several out-of-town meetings and workshops sponsored by the NH Municipal Association, North Country Council, and the NH Department of Transportation.

The services of the North Country Council, Office of State Planning, and the NH Municipal Association were used as resources to the Board's decision making process.

During the coming year the Planning Board will monitor and update as needed the Master Plan, Planning Board regulations, and the Board of Adjustment's Land Use Plan Ordinance.

EARL BROOKS
Chairman

MICHELLE GROSS
Secretary

JEFFERSON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION REPORT

In the Spring of 2002, The Jefferson Athletic Association was re-established with a group of local parents to promote recreation in the community of Jefferson. In March of 2003, a warrant article in the amount of $20,000.00 was approved for the purpose of supporting the athletic and recreation needs of Jefferson.

The association has been very productive throughout the year. In the Spring of 2003, we had 45 participants involved in baseball/softball. With the help of the association, we were able to raise money by selling food/drink at the games, which enabled each team to celebrate with end-of-the-season barbecues. The association purchased assorted equipment for each of the teams.

On July 4, 2003, JAA undertook a major successful fundraising project. Money was raised by having many activities for all ages. We truly appreciated all of the support and community spirit. What a great time for all!

The skating rink has seen many changes, a basecoat of asphalt has been applied to get ready for the final coat in the Spring of 2004. With this a basketball court/recreational area will be established for all to enjoy. Many, many hours of volunteerism was donated by members and local businesses.

We have worked extremely hard on the Community Field this year and will continue to do so in 2004. Our main focus is to complete the gravel road and begin to haul in material/fill to the location. Our efforts will be focused on this large project throughout the year. We thank you for your continued support.

Community Field Progress from March 2003 - December 2003

Created conceptual plan

Received approval from the town selectmen

Created conceptual drawing

Received approval from the town at the town meeting

Boundary survey

Flag property lines

Completed topography survey with 2 foot contours

Established bench marks
Dug three test pits
Cleared and stumped the area
Built road
Obtained wetlands permit in Fall 2003
Constructed actual construction plans. (done by licensed Civil Engineers)
Athletic Association reviewed plans
Also, we created cross sections, computed quantities, created a construction sequence
Plans were reviewed by two other civil engineers
Applied for 2 sports related grants

Throughout this process, we talked to local knowledgeable professionals.
- Foresters/Loggers
- Athletic Coaches
- Civil Engineers
- Contractors

2003 - JAA Trust Fund Expenditures

6/4/03	Town of Jefferson (Hicks Logging)	Field Clearing/Leveling	$ 2,625.60
6/20/03	Hicks Logging	Field Clearing/Leveling	$ 2,350.00
10/13/03	Pike Industries	Asphalt	$ 1,993.00
1/19/03	Pike Industries	Asphalt	$ 367.78
Total Expenditures			$ 7,336.38
Principal Amount from 2003 Town Meeting			$20,000.00
Amount Remaining from Principal as of 12/31/03			$12,663.62

(Please note that during the year, JAA received over $15,000.00 *In Kind Services*. We would again like to thank everyone involved with the projects of 2003. Our year was successful and we are looking forward to the years to come.)

JEFFERSON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT
Year Ending 12/31/03

Beginning Balance as of 1/1/03		$1,431.26
INCOME:		
Registration - Baseball	$1,040.00	
Sponsor Fees	675.00	
July 4th	1,667.10	
Donations	575.00	
Raffle	286.00	
Snackbar	147.00	
TOTAL INCOME:		$4,390.10
EXPENSES:		
Postage/Grant Application Fees	63.65	
Firemen's Association - Donation	100.00	
SDI Signs	62.95	
Baseball League	1,522.13	
Umpires	375.00	
Snackbar Supplies	58.80	
Baseball Supplies	153.99	
Cook-Out (Baseball)	60.98	
6th Grade Trip - Donation	50.00	
July 4th	537.62	
Wetlands Permit	139.78	
TOTAL EXPENSES:		$(3,124.90)
YEAR END BALANCE - 12/31/03:		$2,696.46

Respectfully submitted,
The Members of JAA

Jason Call	Michelle Gross
Cathy Conway	Terri Larcomb
Luc Couture	Joyce McGee
Pierre Couture	Chris Nelson
Patience Cameron	Cindy Robert
Aaron Gross	Mark Robert

JEFFERSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

The Conservation Commission is a town board charged with overseeing the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources of Jefferson, in accordance with RSA-36. Members include David Govatski, chairman, Winnie Ward, Jean Cargill, Bob Ball, Marjorie Doan, Andrea Muller, Bill and Peg Fischang.

The members of the Commission were overjoyed when the US Fish & Wildlife bought 3,010 acres from Hancock Timber, with the help of Senator Judd Gregg, of lands adjacent to the Pondicherry National Wildlife Refuge, protecting the Refuge from encroaching development.

During the year we attended meetings and wrote letters concerning the Route 2 expansion project, voting to upgrade the current route as it is.

Completed an Open Space Lands update.

Did survey and maintenance of duck boxes, completed an osprey nest platform, did water surveys of the ponds and river.

Met with Whitefield, Randolph and Lancaster Conservation Commissions about land and river usage.

Inspected the towns only Conservation Easement.

Donated the new book "Butterflies of the White Mountains of New Hampshire", by Warren J. Kiel, to the library and the Elementary School.

The Commission looks forward to a productive year.

Respectfully submitted,
MARJORIE DOAN, Secretary

ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

2003 ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

The AVRRDD 2003 Budget apportionment for our member municipalities totaled $706,130. A surplus of $299,129.92 from the 2002 budget was used to reduce apportionments with a net budget of $407,000.08 being billed to the member municipalities. The proportionate share of the credit for the Town of Jefferson was $10,354.42, reducing your gross apportionment of $26,840.63 to $16,486.21. Preliminary reconciliation of the 2003 budget shows a surplus of approximately $288,290 being available to credit toward 2004 apportionments.

Our Materials Recycling Facility marketed a total of 2,258 tons of recyclables for the period January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003, representing $95,715.08 of marketing income to the District. In addition to the marketing revenue derived from the recyclables, there is also an avoided cost of disposal at the landfill. Our avoided cost for 2003 totals $151,286. (2,258 tons x $67 per ton).

For calendar year 2003, our Transfer Station received 2,902 deliveries from District residents for a total of 805.70 tons of bulky waste and construction and demolition debris. In addition, our 140 commercial accounts delivered 984.18 tons of bulky waste and construction and demolition debris and 149.15 tons of wood. Recycling at the Transfer Station consisted of 1,116.65 tons of wood that was processed through a grinder, 330.40 tons of scrap metal and 248.89 tons of brush which was chipped with the District owned chipper. In addition, 457 refrigerators/air conditioners; 583 propane tanks; 5,243 tires and 17,914 feet of fluorescent bulbs were received. Transfer Station income from all sources totaled $59,233. The Recycling Center and Transfer Station are operated, under contract with the District, by FERCO Recycling, Inc. of Berlin.

As a result of the Mt. Carberry Landfill acquisition, an additional member of the clerical staff was needed. Joanne Caron of Milan was hired as a full charge bookkeeper in February. Joanne joins Melinda Enman who is our Administrative Assistant.

Election of officers was held at the District Annual Meeting in April 2003: Raymond Chagnon of Berlin was re-elected District Chairman; Clara Grover of Errol was re-elected Vice Chairman and Earl Wadsworth of Dummer was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. Other District Representatives are: Yves Zornio of Gorham, David Tomlinson of Randolph, Linda Cushman of Jefferson, Burnham "Bing" Judd for the Coos County Unincorporated Towns, Jeremiah Lamson of Northumberland, George Bennett of Stark and Richard Lamontagne of Milan.

In June, the District conducted its twelfth annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. The collection was held at the District Transfer Station with 305 households participating. The project was funded through the District Household Hazardous Waste Reserve Fund along with a grant from the State of New Hampshire which was reimbursed to the District at twenty cents ($.20) per capita. The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held Saturday, June 5, 2004 at the District Transfer Station.

2003 marked the first full year of operations for the AVRRDD-Mt. Carberry Landfill. The landfill, operated under contract with the District by Cianbro Corp., had a very successful first year. No assessment was made to the District municipalities for Mt. Carberry operations, with income raised through landfill tipping fees covering operating expenses. Any landfill funds remaining at the end of the year will be held in reserve, by the District, to pay for Mt. Carberry operating and capital expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

SHARON E. GAUTHIER
Executive Director

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2003

It has been another busy year at North Country Council. We continued to complete a number of local and regional projects for all of our 51 communities throughout the region. Summaries of some of the major projects are as follows:

Transportation:

- Completed over 200 traffic counts during the spring, summer and early fall.
- Completed the TIP process and sent a report to NHDOT with our region's priorities.
- Coordinated the Transportation Enhancement process including a work session with the committee, project review based on set criteria, presentations by applicants, and a final review and prioritization and final report to NHDOT.
- Began the updating of the regional transportation plan.
- Coordination meetings with NHDOT on process of the Ten Year Plan.
- Attendance and participation at the GACIT meetings throughout the North Country.
- Assisted Community Planner with the update to two master plans' Transportation Sections.
- Provided technical transportation assistance to the majority of the communities in our region.
- Coordinated the North Country Transportation Committee.

Economic Development:

- Successfully received $1.5 million from EDA for the Mount Washington Valley Technology Village.
- Coordinated the North Country District Economic Development Committee.
- Successfully extended the EDA District to include all of Grafton County.
- Successfully completed a $2.6 million EDA application for the Dartmouth Regional Technology Village in Lebanon, currently hiring an engineer for the project.
- The CEDS Committee also undertook a major re-write of the CEDS document and held seven public meetings in order to educate the public about EDA and to gather input to economic issues in the region.
- Wrote 34 grants, for a total of $7,020,505 for the region in order to assist local communities. Of these grant applications $4,567,830 have been funded and $1,469,000 is still pending.
- Applied for funding to assist with a telecommunications feasibility study, one of the major issues raised at the public advisory meetings in the spring.

Community/Regional Planning:

- Provided technical assistance to 20 towns throughout the region.
- Participated in the updated 7 master plans and zoning ordinances for member communities.
- Coordinated the Law Lecture Series for the NH Municipal Association.
- Provided assistance to three (3) towns for the creation of Hazard Mitigation Plans.

Environmental Planning:

- Provided technical assistance to over 25 communities in the area of solid waste and hazardous waste management.
- Coordinated the Household Hazardous Waste Management collections for 23 communities.
- Conducted solid waste and transfer station audits for 2 community transfer stations.
- Conducted an ongoing fluorescent light collection program.
- Conducted 2 electronic equipment collections.
- Provided technical assistance in the National Flood Insurance Program throughout the region.

Many of these programs will continue into the year 2004. Major programs for the year 2004 will be completion of our Regional Transportation Plan, the development of a feasibility study for a Regional Hazardous Waste collection site and the continued assistance to all of our communities in grant writing, community planning and other community planning needs.

Our overall goal, however, remains the same: to provide support and leadership to the region, its governments, businesses and citizens.

Sincerely,
MICHAEL J. KING
Executive Director

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM REPORT

30 Exchange Street - Berlin • 73 Main Street - Lancaster

October 8, 2003

Board of Selectpersons
Jefferson, New Hampshire

Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc., is seeking your support through town funding of our local Community Contact Office in Lancaster.

We are requesting funding level with the last year's requests of $650.00.

This money is spent on operational costs of maintaining a presence in the area. Your funding is combined with Community Service Block Grants, Fuel Assistance monies through the Governor's Office of Energy and Community Services, and the New Hampshire Emergency Shelter Grant.

The residents of Jefferson were served through the many financial resources and referrals offered in our Contact Office including case management services, advocacy and informational assistance. Assistance to Jefferson households included over $20,000.00 in fuel assistance and $10,800.00 in electrical assistance.

We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you throughout 2004 to better serve the elderly, low-income, and disabled residents of Jefferson.

Sincerely,
AMY SAWYER FOGG
Lancaster, New Hampshire

MOUNT WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT
2003 Annual Report to Towns in the Regional Authority
November 12, 2003

The Mount Washington Regional Airport has operated since the mid-1900s as a resource for business and recreational fliers. The airport boasts strong attributes that leave us poised for sustained growth and effective operations. Among these are its positioning in a location convenient for business people and tourists visiting northern New Hampshire and northeastern Vermont. It is within minutes of major economic, industrial and residential hubs in the North Country, which also offers local businesses and individuals easy access via general aviation to areas within and outside the state. And it is located in a neighborhood with one of the most spectacular wildlife refuges in the region, as well as an industrial park set up for easy access via road, rail and air.

As North Country residents, we often take for granted what is in our back yards. The Airport is no exception. Sometimes it is by talking to visitors "from away" that we can begin to realize just what we have to offer. We were fortunate to have many such visitors to the airport this year, and their comments were encouraging. One guest thanked us for painting the mountains so nicely - a reference to the beauty and grandeur of our White Mountains in spectacular fall colors. Another, who stopped by to reminisce - and return to his roots after moving from the area decades and decades ago - shared with us how accessible the airport made his trip, and how much he appreciated it being here.

A couple "from the big city" raved about their ability to hop in their plane, fly up here, pitch a tent and just unwind. Two brothers came by just this week from Vermont after visiting the Airport previously and falling in love with our new terminal. They showed up with tape measures in hand, measuring every nook and cranny. One of the brothers wants to replicate the building as a summer home for his North Country retirement. And the head of a statewide aviation group - a commercial pilot who flies into airports throughout the US and abroad - described Mount Washington Regional Airport as "a jewel" waiting to be discovered, referring to our prime location, the quality of service we provide and the progress we are making to further improve the airport.

Such positive comments reinvigorate us as a commission, as we work to strengthen the economy and quality of life here in the North Country. But it's not just people from out of the area that appreciate what we offer. Local business people use the airport regularly to more easily reach prospective customers and existing clients. Local residents are learning to fly; on many a day - well, dry day - you can see student pilots carefully taking off, performing a series of touch and go maneuvers, then landing back at home after putting in hours toward their pilot's license. The same holds true for experienced pilots.

During the past year, the Airport Commission has performed significant work on behalf of the users, our neighbors and the residents and businesses - your constituents - in our region. We completed major safety improvements, including installation of a new rotating beacon on the Northeast side of the

airport, substantial clearing of obstructions, both on and off airport property, improved signage to enhance security at the facility and new snow removal equipment designed specifically for airport use.

We reached out to the businesses and individuals in the region in a variety of ways. We moved forward with a marketing analysis in support of our soon-to-be-updated Airport Master Plan. We held focus group sessions with users to find out what they liked about Mount Washington Regional Airport and what they thought could be improved.

The commission started web site link exchanges with major tourist attractions and hotels in the area, bringing them to the attention of pilots looking to get away with their families for a few days, and letting potential visitors know there are ways to get to our region that don't involve interstate highway travel.

We've affirmed our commitment to the Capital Improvement Plan implemented several years ago, and are in preparation stages for expanding the runway and safety area for the airport. Such a move will tremendously increase not just the functionality of the airport, but its visibility in trade literature and guides, which direct pilots to airports with runways that meet certain safety-related criteria.

As we move forward, we expect to continue our track record of success in applying for and obtaining grants that cover the lion's share - 95 percent - of the cost of improvements to the airport. Ninety percent of the cost of improvements is covered through a Federal program funded by user fees paid by individuals who fly on commercial flights. Five percent comes from state funds, much of which is generated by airport users. And the balance - just five percent - comes from the sponsoring organization, in this case, Mount Washington Regional Airport.

We are working to find ways to fund that five percent through a combination of private and public investment. We will be in contact with each of the commission's member towns to discuss these plans, and welcome any creative thoughts, ideas and support you can offer. Feel free to contact your town's rep on the commission, or call me directly at 444-1388.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the airport and the work we are doing for you.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID WILLIS
Chairman
Mt. Washington Regional Airport Commission

WEEKS MEDICAL CENTER
DARTMOUTH-HITCHCOCK

Home Health & Hospice Services

Annual Report - 2003
Town of Jefferson

Members of the Weeks Medical Center Hospice Team

Weeks Medical Center -Home Health and Hospice continues to provide Jefferson residents with a wide range of services. They include skilled nursing: physical, occupational and speech therapies; certified home health aides; homemakers; medical social services; intravenous therapies and care to the terminally ill.

Town funding is critically important and is used to assist families and individuals who are unable to pay for home health and hospice services and to support care where funding does not cover the agency's direct costs.

Our Community Outreach efforts continue to expand into Jefferson as our staff members help secure medical and dental insurance coverage for some of your younger residents as well as provide pregnant mothers and their babies with nursing and educational services in their homes during pregnancy and the first year of birth.

The agency's Medicare Hospice program continues to provide excellent palliative care to the terminally ill. Over the last year, 16 hospice patients received care, support and love from our nurses, aides and volunteers. To celebrate their memory, a luminary service was held and over 100 residents from area towns were in attendance.

Regional and Town Services - A Summary

	Skilled Nursing	Rehab Services	Home Health Aide	Home-makers	Visits & Units
Regional services provided by WMC - Home Health	8,265	1,174	8,617	30,307	48,363
Services to the Town of Jefferson	387	88	346	155	976

Thank you for your continuing support and confidence.

THE CALEB GROUP
INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS
30 Highland Street, Whitefield, NH 03598

The Caleb Group, a not-for-profit organization, which was established in October of 1995, continues to provide services to older adults in 8 northern NH communities. Caleb's heartfelt mission is to enhance independent living for the elderly, infirm and homebound by relieving isolation and assisting with friendly visits, care and supportive services through a network of volunteers and the fostering of caring communities.

In 2003, The Caleb Group assisted more than 252 Bethlehem, Dalton, Groveton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Littleton, Twin Mountain and Whitefield seniors. Caleb's 85 active volunteers donated over 3,600 hours and drove over 29,000 miles to help their older neighbors remain independent! Without these dedicated volunteers, The Caleb Group would not exist. Transportation to medical appointments and shopping, is one of the most requested services through The Caleb Group. Caleb volunteers provide other services as well; friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, help with chores, paperwork and light housekeeping are to name a few. Caleb volunteers also assist with various other community programs, such as the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. This program is available every other month to NH seniors that are 60+, and that financially qualify. Caleb volunteers help distribute this food to elders, who are totally homebound. The Caleb Group is still working in conjunction with Shaw's of Littleton. Shaw's provides the day-old bread and Caleb volunteers deliver it to seniors in the various communities. The Caleb Group has also been working with Wal-Mart and The Above the Notch Humane Society of Littleton, and Companion Animal Care of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, regarding Caleb's Pet Food Project. Since the Pet Food Project began in October of 2002, (less than a year and a half ago), The Caleb Group has given out over 2 tons of pet food/litter to help seniors feed their pets! Last but not least, Caleb still provides training for seniors who want to learn how to use computers. Computer classes are held every Wednesday morning at the Highland House Computer Lab. Without the various services that Caleb provides, many of the older adults who need just a little extra help to continue living independently, might have had to go into a nursing home.

There are no fees for the services that are provided by The Caleb Group. The program is funded through grants, fundraising, donations and generous appropriations of the towns in which the services are provided. We want to thank the residents of Jefferson for their support and for making it possible for us to continue to provide these much needed services to the area's elders. The $1,500 appropriated at last year's Town Meeting was greatly appreciated, and we ask for your continued support in 2004.

Volunteers are always in great demand, so if you would like to become a volunteer, request a volunteer, or know someone who would benefit from our services, please call the Caleb Office at 837-9179, or contact anyone on the Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted,
BOBBIE GAUDES
Program Director

Advisory Board Members

Eleanor Brauns, Twin Mountain
Myra Emerson, Lancaster
David Glover, Whitefield
Carl Rod, Jefferson
Rev. Cliff Vendt, Whitefield

WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
Director's Report

Each year the writing of this report provides an opportunity to reflect on the year's challenges and accomplishments. This year, my 10th as Director, I would like to reflect on the changes in mental health and developmental services during the past decade.

1993

- All clients, including children and elders, were required to come into the office for appointments, and missed appointments were common.
- Medications were difficult to regulate, had many side effects and were often not effective. Medications for serious mental illness were generally very sedating and management of severe symptoms was often difficult.
- Many people with developmental disabilities were put on "behavior plans" to manage their aggressive or inappropriate behavior.
- Our most mentally ill adults attended a "day program" in our building; almost none were viewed as being capable of holding a job.
- All of our developmental services were provided in our building in a "sheltered workshop". Recreation outside of the building involved several clients going together in a van. "Real" jobs were rare.
- The concept of outpatient mental health short-term therapy was new and regarded as a poor substitute for longer term treatment.
- Most mental health clients were insured, and most insurance covered an unlimited number of visits.

2003

- Most children, elders and seriously ill adults needing mental health treatment are seen at home, school or in their community. Multiple services assist people where they live.
- A new generation of medications, combined with new understanding of brain chemistry has provided effective treatment for many forms of mental illness. "Self management" and "recovery" are now realistic goals.
- We no longer utilize "behavior plans" for people with developmental disabilities. Instead, we view behavior as communication and we try hard to respond to the needs expressed.
- Mentally ill adults receive support to live and work in the community. "Clean and Green Enterprises" is an active client-run business.
- People with developmental disabilities are working in a variety of jobs and are reliable and loyal employees. Some people with disabilities have their own businesses. Our staff work to connect people with disabilities to their community instead of "sheltering" them.

- Our mental health clinicians are trained to provide short-term therapy, which research has shown to be as effective as longer-term treatment.
- A high percentage of our mental health clients are uninsured due to the high cost of health insurance, and all insurance companies limit the number of visits they will cover. We continue to be the "safety net" for these people.

It is clear that much has changed in the past decade. Some changes, like the skyrocketing cost of health insurance, are cause for concern. Other changes, like the availability of in-home supports, improved medications and community integration of people with disabilities, are cause for celebration. In both cases, we need the support of our towns to assure that we continue to move forward in the next decade.

During 2003, 23 uninsured or under-insured people in the town of Jefferson received 218 hours of service. Town contributions allow us to continue to offer discounted services. Thank you for the past decade of support.

Respectfully submitted,

JANE C. MacKAY, Area Director

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF COUNCIL DISTRICT ONE

By Raymond S. Burton
Email: ray.burton4@gte.net

It is a pleasure to report to you now in my 25th year of serving the 98 towns, 4 cities and Coos, Carroll, Grafton, Sullivan and Belknap counties of New Hampshire. All together there are 249,000 people who I consider my customers, clients and constituents. It has always been a pleasure to respond, as my duties within the Executive Branch of your state government mandate, to inquiries for information, relief and assistance as provided in NH state law and budget. It is an honor to serve you as a public servant.

Below are listed several documents that are available to citizens and I find them to be a valuable NH resource.

The 2003-2004 state telephone directory of state departments and personnel. This 180 page directory includes TDD access numbers, office information, coordinators, map of location of state buildings, legislative listings, judicial branch listings, department listings, personnel listings and a topical listing. This is available for a cost of $6.00 plus $2.50 postage. Make checks payable to the State of New Hampshire, or order on line at www.gencourt.state.nh.us\visitorcenter. The entire directory is available at http://www.state.nh.us/government/agencies.html

The 2003-04 NH County Directory of all NH County officials is free and available by calling (603) 224-9222. This is also on the web at www.nhcounties.org

Also available at no cost from the Secretary of State Office at 271-3242 or at elections@sos.state.nh.us, or mail at Secretary of State, State House Room 204, Concord, NH 03301 are the following publications:

The NH Election Procedural Manual for 2004-2005
The NH Election Laws for 2004-2005
The NH Political calendar for 2004-2005

The duties of the NH Executive Council, The NH Tour Guide book, the official tourist map and the NH Constitution are always available from my office at 271-3632 or 747-3662 or ray.burton4@gte.net

As long as I'm around as one of your elected officials never ever feel you are alone in your hour of need. Contact me anytime!

Sincerely yours,

RAYMOND S. BURTON
Executive Councilor

ENMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2003 was the twentieth year for the Scholarship honoring the late Charles and Dorothy Enman who were both active and highly regarded in the Jefferson Elementary School. The fund was able to provide scholarships to Matt Friend, Christina Corrigan and Christina Ingerson in 2003.

Any Senior who is a resident of Jefferson attending either high school or private school, regardless of location and planning on continuing his or her education is eligible to apply for this scholarship.

I would like to again thank all who have donated to the fund.

Donations may be made by taking or sending checks to Marietta Ingerson. Checks should be made payable to: Charles Enman Scholarship Fund.

Scholarship recipients are chosen by the Jefferson Library Trustees.

Sincerely,
MARIETTA INGERSON

NEVERS-TOWN OF JEFFERSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship was established in 1981 by the family of Wilbur and Gurda Nevers in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary by a special request of the couple. It is available to any Jefferson High School senior wishing to advance his /her education.

The Scholarship Committee consists of the three Library Trustees, the Librarian, and the Town Clerk. There were eight applicants this year and we were pleased to award five scholarships to Melanie Lauzon, Mason Parker, Cameron Rothluebber, Richard Staines, and Jolene White.

We wish to sincerely thank the Nevers Family, as well as all those who have contributed to this fund over the years. Additional donations are always welcome and may be sent to the Nevers-Town of Jefferson Scholarship Fund in care of the Trustee of Trust Funds, Town of Jefferson, NH.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE COSTA, Library Trustee, Chairman
ADELE WOODS, Library Trustee
CHERYL MEEHAN, Library Trustee
SUZANNE CRAFTON, Librarian
POLLY BRONSON, Town Clerk

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE
02-14	Kenneth H. Callinan	Jefferson	Carroll
	Sharon Clement	Jefferson	
05-17	Kyle Hopps	Charlestown, NH	Lancaster
	Carrie Ann Clukay	Charlestown, NH	
06-21	Joseph H. Nadeau	Jefferson	Jefferson
	Holly M. Hansbury	Jefferson	
07-26	Andrew J. MacDonald	Laconia, NH	Jefferson
	Jennifer L. Dubois	Laconia, NH	
08-02	Francis W. Dingman	Jefferson	Jefferson
	Doreen M. Dawson	Jefferson	
08-23	Keith J. Hartlen	Groveton, NH	Lancaster
	Samantha Schooner	Jefferson	
09-13	Kevin S. Hoverman	Alexandria City, VA	Jefferson
	Ellen M. Brady	Jefferson	
10-25	Matthew Clay	Jefferson	Northumberland
	Tara J. Sanborn	Jefferson	

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

DATE	CHILD'S NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
01-20	Nora Elsie Riendeau	Berlin, NH	James Riendeau	Lisa Riendeau
07-09	Jenna Elizabeth Renes	North Conway, NH	Sean Renes	Christine Renes
08-01	Tyler Benjamin Hicks	Littleton, NH	Benjamin Hicks	Erica Hicks
10-05	Alex Michael Mealey	Lancaster, NH	Michael Mealey	Nanci Mealey
11-27	Carissa Leigh Challinor	Lancaster, NH	Timothy Challinor	Tiffany Challinor

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

DATE	NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
02-01	Clifton H. Ingerson	Lancaster, NH	William Ingerson	Mary Virge
03-21	Shirley A. Josselyn	Jefferson, NH	Frank Gerrish	Lettie Towle
04-23	Albert C. Dingman	Lancaster, NH	Lawrence Dingman	Marguerite Covey
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